

***Amendments to the Specification***

Please substitute the following paragraphs:

[0001] This application is related to: (i) U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/815,251, filed concurrently herewith, and entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING DOCUMENT RETENTION USING CRYPTOGRAPHY," which is hereby incorporated herein by reference; (ii) U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/206,737, filed Jul. 26, 2002, and entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR UPDATING KEYS IN A DISTRIBUTED SECURITY SYSTEM," which is hereby incorporated herein by reference; (iii) U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/676,850, filed Sep. 30, 2003, and entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SECURING DIGITAL ASSETS USING TIME-BASED SECURITY CRITERIA," which is hereby incorporated herein by reference; (iv) U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/405,587, filed Apr. 1, 2003, and entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SECURING DIGITAL ASSETS USING CONTENT TYPE DESIGNATIONS," which is hereby incorporated herein by reference; (v) U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/246,079, filed Sep. 17, 2002, and entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING KEYS FROM ACCESS RULES IN A DECENTRALIZED MANNER AND METHODS THEREFOR," which is hereby incorporated herein by reference; (vi) U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/186,203, filed Jun. 26, 2002, and entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR IMPLEMENTING CHANGES TO SECURITY POLICIES IN A DISTRIBUTED SECURITY SYSTEM," which is hereby incorporated herein by reference; (vii) U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/159,537, filed May 5, 2002, and entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING DIGITAL ASSETS," which is hereby incorporated herein by reference; and (viii) U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/127,109, filed Apr. 22, 2002, and entitled "EVALUATION OF ACCESS RIGHTS TO SECURED DIGITAL ASSETS," which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.